(a) whether work on the diversion route of the Guwahati-Shillong-Silcbar highway between Mawiong and Sohryngkham has started;

(b) whether financial allocation has been made and if so, the amount thereof; and

(c) by when the diversion will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) The diversion of Guwahati-Sliiilong-Silchar highway between Mawiong and SohryngMiam forms the proposed Shillong bypass. The alignment of the bypass has been approved. The land acquisition estimate is being processed for sanction. There is a budget provision of Rs. 25 lakhs for the purpose in the Demand for Grants for 1993-94. Since the land is yet to be acquired, if is too earl) to indicate the date of completion of bypass.

Unauthorised Construction of Shops at National Highway-35 in West Bengal

1314. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1942 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th March. 1993 and state :

(a) what are the details of the existing guidelines for construction along the National Highways;

(b) what are the details of the directions issued by Central Government to State Government of West Bengal in so far as removal of encroachments at National Highway No. 35 at Bongaon City, District 24 Paraganas, West Bengal indicating the date on which such directions were issued;

(c) whether Government have fixed any specific time schedule within which the removal of ercroachments mentioned above is to be completed if so what is the status of encroachments as on date: and

(d) whether it is a fact that a large number of concerned Government officials are involved in and responsible for encouraging such encroachment, if so, whether any enquiry is proposed to be conducted against the guilty and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The existing guidelines cover details such as width between building lines and control lines, measures for control of ribbon development and removal of encroachments.

(b) As per the information received from the State Govt, of West Bengal in March, 1993, no unauthorised construction along the National Highways are being permitted by the State Public Works Department. The encroachments on NH-35 at Bongaon City are on private land and as such are not the concern of National Highways Authorities.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Fitting of Speed Governors in Redtine Buses

1315. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to stale :

(a) whether Delhi High Court has directed that speed governors be fitted in all Redline buses of Delhi to limit the maximum speed to 40 kmph, within three weeks from 30th June, 1993:

(b) if so, whether the said directive of the Delhi High Court has been complied with by 21st July, 1993; and

(c) if not, the reasons for flouting the High Court's ruling ?

THE MINISTER STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The High Court was informed by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi that at the time of issue of permits the Transport Department ensured that each bus was fitted with speed governor adjusted at 40 kms. per hour. Subsequently some of the operators tampered with the calibation and drove or/and allowed to be driven at a speed more than 40 kms. per hour. Such violations are prosecuted by the Enforcement Wing by the Transport Department. The High Court was informed that 875 Redline buses had obtained a certificate of speed governor afresh from the Burari Inspection Pit of Transport Department till 27-7-1993.

Construction of Express Highway in Haryana

1316. SHRI S. S SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government piopose to con-

struct an Express Highway in Haryana in view of its strategic situation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

गुजरात में सड़कों और पुलों का विकास

1317. श्री रामसिंह राठवा : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गुजरात को पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान राज्य की आर्थिक महत्व वाली अन्तर्राज्यीय सड़कों/पुलों के लिए कोई सहायता नहीं दी गयी है;

(ख) यदि हां, उसके क्या कारण हैं, और;

(ग) सड़कों/पुलों के आर्थिक महत्व को निर्धारित करने का मापदंड क्या है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां । आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि में केन्द्रीय सैक्टर की सड़कों के लिए कार्यक्रम हेतु सीमित निधियां आवंटित होने के कारण राज्यों में कुछेक प्राथमिकताओं के सम्पादन केवल कुछ चुनिंदा परियोजनाओं पर ही कार्य शुरू करना संभव हो सकेगा ।

(ग) विस्तृत मापदंड निम्नानुसार है :—

(i) नए क्षेत्र खोलने के लिए, जहां निकट भविष्य में रेल सुविधाएं उपलब्ध नहीं कराई जा सकें, यथासंभव सड़क/पुल बनाना; और

(ii) ऐसी सड़कें/पुल जो क्षेत्र आर्थिक विकास में बहुत अधिक सहायक हों, अर्थात् पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों तथा उन स्थानों में जहां पर्याप्त खनिज सम्पदा प्राप्त हो सकती है ।

Modernisation of Ports

1318. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAN-DRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial position of major ports;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the capacity of the major ports,

(c) if so, the details thereof:

(d) details of the programme for modernisation of these ports:

(e) whether there is a proposal to develop Malvan. (Distt.. Sindhudurg, Maharashtra) as a port; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a> All the major ports in the country are now earning Operating Surplus. During 1991-92, the major ports earned an Operating Surplus of Rs. 346.12 crores.

(b) and (c) Yes, the existing capacity of major ports is proposed to be enhanced from 171.03 million tcnnes per annum to 237.09 million tonnes by the end of 8th Five Year Plan 1992-97.

(d) An outlay of Rs. 2984.00 crores has been provided in 8th Five Year Plan 1992-97 for development end modernisation of Major Ports.

(e) and (f) No such pioposal has so far been received by Government.

गुजरात में नए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग

1319. श्री रामसिंह राठवा :
श्री विट्ठलभाई मोतीराम पटेल :
श्री राजू भाई ए. परमार :

क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को गुजरात राज्य में नए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) उन सड़कों के जिलेवार नाम क्या हैं जिन्हें राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है;

(ग) गुजरात में आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित किये जाने वाली सड़कों की संख्या कितनी है; और

(घ) इन सड़कों को कब तक राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित कर दिया जायेगा ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) से (घ) आठवीं योजना में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के लिए निधियों के अल्प आवंटन के कारण इस स्थिति में गुजरात सहित किसी राज्य में कोई नया राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित करना कठिन है । इसलिये अभी यह नहीं बताया जा सकता कि किस सड़क को कब राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग के रूप में घोषित किया जाएगा ।